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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Inventor(s): Cang LAM et al.
Title: APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR FORMING AND
SECURING GASTROINTESTINAL TISSUE FOLDS
Examiner: Woo, Julian W.
Group Art Unit: 3731

RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed September 5, 2006 in the above-identified United States Patent Application for which a response was due on December 5, 2006. Filed herewith is a petition and fee for a two-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to February 5, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the claims, as amended, in light of the Remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.